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Dear Ms. Hanlon,

I urge you to recommend to the President that Yucca Mountain is well suited to be America's high-level radioactive waste repository. Centralized controlled storage of radioactive wastes makes much more sense than a nationwide distribution of storage, for many reasons (not the least of which is the ability to provide effective security). The benefits of this strategy were recognized almost twenty years ago, with consumers paying for development of a repository ever since. Something like twenty billion dollars has been invested to date.

Arguably the expense and amount of study devoted to qualifying Yucca Mountain is excessive to the point of being obstructionist. Regardless, clearly the scientific evidence does now support the use of the Yucca Mountain location without any significant technical objections. At this point there is obviously an on-going political debate - but in our society there can be virtually no major policy decision without strong political objection.

The investment made in selecting and qualifying Yucca Mountain as a suitable repository for the United States of America's radioactive wastes has been enormous. The investment has more than achieved its objective of demonstrating the scientific qualifications for the selection. It is time now to harvest the fruit of this costly endeavor.

Once again, I urge you to make the rational decision and recommend to President Bush that America proceed with the completion of the Yucca Mountain waste repository.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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